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Torpedo Training

1. "On 1 June 53 the Second Brigade of Torpedo Cutters started torpedo attack exercises at battle distances in the Moonsund between the islands of Hiiumaa and Saaremaa. The cutters came from Kaliningrad and carried the numbers 70-100.
2. "At Kaliningrad there is a 'School of Torpedo Shooting' for torpedo boat personnel of the Baltic Fleet. In winter the sailors take a six-month shooting course in the 'torpedo cabinets' of the school.

Nakhimov Naval Cadet School

3. "The Nakhimov Naval Cadet School, on Castle Square in Riga, admitted new pupils between 20 and 30 June 53. Every year 140 new pupils are admitted. The school has six companies. The course takes six years. The total number of cadets is 800-820.
4. "Entrance qualifications are difficult. Applicants must be children of parents who lost their lives in the Great Fatherland War (World War II). They must be between 11 and 12, have passed four years of elementary school and be healthy enough to endure naval service. They must present the following documents:

- birth certificate
- school certificate
- doctor's certificate

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- certificate pertaining to occupation of parents and guardians
- certificate pertaining to the parent(s) who died in the Great Fatherland War
- character report from elementary school
- two photographs (3 x 4 cm) without cap or hat.

They must pass an entrance examination."

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